

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Harry Sommers is fishing again this season, but not in the Gulf of Mexico.

It would be a pity to have to send von Bernstorff home. We've learned to like him.

There are indications that we will stop setting for minnows in Mexico, for awhile at least.

The Williams impeachment trial drags its slow length along at an expense of \$500 a day.

That Villa story didn't fool anybody. Funston is from Kansas and Kansas adjoins Missouri.

Roosevelt's plans are being carefully laid to capture two nominations for President at Chicago, in June.

If we have to handle two wars at once, we might turn Mexico over to Texas. The Lone Star boys did it once.

The French have captured the submarine which torpedoed the Sussex and have made prisoners the captain and crew.

Forty-two seniors of Princeton University say they have never been kissed. The strange part is that all but 42 should have fessed up.

The pursuit of Villa is at a temporary halt while matters of more importance are being settled at Washington. Villa has escaped, most likely with the aid of Carranza forces. It would be just as well to occupy Vera Cruz and other ports, to remain until Carranza makes good his boast that he can catch Villa.

Alonzo Miley and wife separated and in dividing their household goods got into a row at Petersburg, Ind., in which Miley was attacked by his mother-in-law, his wife and sister-in-law, one of them flourishing a revolver. With a bed slat he broke the arms of two of the women and knocked the other unconscious.

The Louisville Board of Trade's spring trade extension trip next month will cover West and Middle Tennessee exclusively, according to the itinerary announced by Secretary William E. Morrow, and overnight stops will be made by the "heads of houses" special in Memphis, Nashville and Fayetteville. They will touch Clarksville in the round and will probably find it hard to resist the temptation to come to town.

STEP FOR FREE SEWERAGE

Expert To Appraise Franchise System and Submit Estimate.

STREET IMPROVEMENT

Given Its First Passage and Property Owners To Be Conferred With.

The meeting of the City Commission Tuesday was without especial importance, except that an ordinance was given its first passage providing for the permanent improvement of South Main street from 12th to the city limits, with bitulithic, asphalt, brick or wooden blocks, under the ten-year-payment plan. It is proposed to take the sense of the people interested on the character of street to be built and bring the ordinance up for further consideration at the end of thirty days.

An expert was employed to report on the cost of constructing a sewerage system and also to appraise the present system with the view of entering into negotiations for its purchase on or before the next purchasing period April 7, 1920. The present franchise expires in 1925.

GERMAN CRISIS LAID BEFORE THE CONGRESS

STREET OIL AND WATER

Two Sets of Advocates Have Widely Divergent Views.

SOME ONE, SOME OTHER

Water Advocates in the Majority at Monday Night Meeting.

A meeting of the residents on South Main and South Virginia streets, was held at the H. B. M. A. Monday night to consider the dust situation.

Last year the territory from 12th street south to and including Alumnae avenue was sprinkled by contract by M. C. Boyd & Co., for about \$1,100, each property owner paying \$8. The sprinklers ran twice a day on week days and once on Sunday.

There were 55 persons represented in the meeting Monday night and 34 voted for water sprinkling again and 21 for oil. The same contract made last year can be made again this year for water, but there is much difference of opinion on the kind of sprinkling. Nearly all of the property owners on Main street out to 17th prefer oil and some are very emphatic in saying that they will not take water at any price. Other citizens in the same territory and beyond say they will not have the oil at any price. These, however, are exceptions and most of the people are willing to take whichever the majority votes for. Nothing was accomplished at the meeting held, except committee were appointed to canvass the territory and get an expression from all who were absent. The water advocates will try to raise the required amount, even if they have to pay for those who refuse to help. The oil advocates from 12th to 17th streets are planning to get an estimate on the cost of oil for 5,000 square yards, about 2,500 to 3,000 gallons for one application and the same quantity for a second application in the fall. The last time street oil was purchased here the price was a little less than 6 cents delivered and shipment were made in 6,000-gallon tanks.

SCHILLER GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

Man Who Seized English Steamer at Sea Pleads Guilty.

Wilmington, Del., April 19.—Ernest Schiller, alias Clarence R. Hudson, who forcibly took possession of the British steamer Matoppo off Sandy Hook on March 29, terrorized the crew and compelled the captain to change the ship's course, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the United States District Court here late today. He will be taken to the Federal prison at Atlanta in a few days.

Schiller this morning pleaded guilty to the charge of piracy. In a statement he denied that his motive was robbery. He declared that he had seized the Matoppo, believing the vessel carried munitions of war for the Entente Allies, "for the cause of Germany."

CAMPBELL-ALLEN.

A marriage license was issued Monday afternoon to Samuel W. Campbell and Miss Mary Settle Allen, young people of near St. Elmo, and the wedding was scheduled for yesterday.

El Paso, Tex., has 61,902 population.

ULTIMATUM AND BREAK IN RELATIONS MOST LIKELY

Message President Has Been Working On Has Been For Congress and Not to Dispatch to Germany, as Generally Supposed.

Count von Bernstorff, Seeking to Learn Position of the United States, Is Refused an Audience by Secretary Lansing.

Washington, Apr. 19.—President Wilson laid the submarine crisis before congress today.

In the hall of the house of representatives at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, with congress seated before him in joint session, the president spoke the last words of the United States to Germany in the grave situation which has kept the two nations on the brink of a break for nearly a year.

Developments, yet undisclosed and of the most solemn importance, are expected to follow quickly.

An ultimatum to Germany and even the severance of diplomatic relations are two most likely eventualities.

VON BERNSTORFF REFUSED INTERVIEW.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, calling upon Secretary Lansing by direction of his government, almost the moment the president was arranging the joint session of congress, was informed that the secretary could not discuss the situation with him at this time. It was evident that the ambassador was seeking information of the American government's plans and that it had been decided he should not have it.

The ambassador did state, however, to Secretary Lansing that while under no circumstances, could Germany give up the submarine because it was being used in retaliation for Great Britain's food blockade, his country would attempt to use the submarines in accordance with the international law and Germany's assurances to the United States. He added that in any case where instructions to submarine commanders were violated reparation would be made, in accordance with assurances given in the Lusitania, Arabic and other cases.

Secretary Lansing told the ambassador he would see him again in a few days.

VON BERNSTORFF STILL OPTIMISTIC.

When the ambassador learned of arrangement for the joint session of congress he apparently was as much surprised as the remainder of official Washington. Optimistic throughout, even when the diplomatic negotiations seemed in tight corners and the much discussed break appeared to be imminent, the ambassador's confidence remained unshaken that friendly relations between his country and the United States would continue. He expressed his opinion that everything would come out all right in the end.

Administration officials reflected President Wilson's determination to have an ending to diplomatic negotiations which they feel, have brought only promises which have been unfulfilled and assurances which have turned out to be of disputed meaning.

There is only one instance in modern diplomatic history in which a breaking off of diplomatic relations between two first class powers has not eventually been followed by war. It is the breaking of relations between Germany and Italy, and it stands alone as a precedent against what diplomatists regard as inevitable.

ONLY CONGRESS CAN DECLARE WAR.

President Wilson's purpose in going before congress is explained by the fact that while the executive branch of the government has power to break diplomatic relations, congress alone has the power to declare war, and the president feels, therefore, that it should be advised of an action in which it may subsequently be called upon to bear a part.

NEPHEW OF WASHINGTON

Court House Filled With Appreciative Crowd to Hear Colored Orator.

Roscoe Conkling Simmons, a nephew of Booker Washington, and a negro orator of great importance, spoke at the Court House Monday night under the auspices of the Douglass Club. Ned Turner, President, presided and Walter Robinson introduced the speaker. Blakemore's orchestra made music.

Simmons is an orator of recognized ability and his speech was an appeal to the colored people to have higher ideals in every way and to make of themselves useful, respectable and honored citizens as so many have done here in Hopkinsville. He also pleaded for harmony and mutual sympathy between the races, showing how this has always existed in individual instances as each white man has one or more negroes upon whom he relies implicitly for help when he needs it and every colored man has a white man friend to who he goes when in need or trouble. But he urged that the good conditions not stop there but be extended to take in the two races as a whole.

In closing he complimented Phil Brown, saying he was a prominent figure in his race not only in Hopkinsville or Kentucky but of the nation.

ART EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY

Began Yesterday and Continues Throughout Saturday.

The Art Exhibit at the Carnegie Library of paintings by Chicago artists, began yesterday and will continue every day until Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m. and also tonight the exhibit will be open.

Each afternoon some one will be at the Library to give information about the paintings.

Three of the pictures in this exhibit that are much admired are "Peaceful Valley," which is so restful to your eye and feelings that you never could grow tired of the picture; "The Evergreens," which are beautiful cedars shown with the last showy rays of sunlight in their tops and the clouds in the distance have caught the light on their top edges, while the rest of the earth is in twilight; "The Mountains of Santa Barbara," which is grand to behold!

The only artist from Kentucky who is represented at the Exhibit is Walter Ufer, who was born in Louisville. He paints in the southwestern part of the United States from June to December of each year. The three pictures he has here on exhibition are paintings of this great southwest.

One of the results of the war, perhaps, is a sharp advance in the price of paintings by good American artists. The beauty of the best American landscapes is just beginning to be

CHRISTIAN HAS SIXTY

Teachers In Attendance at Annual Session of K. E. A.

WAS OPENED LAST NIGHT

Continues Throughout Today With Gov. Stanley a Speaker.

Louisville's biggest annual convention, that of the Kentucky Educational Association, which is the largest organization of its kind in the world, began its sessions at the First Christian church at 8 o'clock last night. The opening programme will consist of "An Evening With Cale Young Rice," the noted Kentucky poet, and it will be the only session of the entire convention open to the public.

The Rev. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was chairman of the evening and Henry Watterson honorary chairman. Mr. Rice himself gave a reading, and he selected for the occasion three of his poems, "To the Younger Generation," "The Monsoon Breaks" and "The Mystic." He had intended reading only the first poem, but yielded to numerous requests to read also the other two.

Another feature of the programme was the appearance of Miss Ida M. Tarbell, of New York. The Kentucky Educational Association has a paid membership of approximately 3,700 and an associate membership of about 1,000 more. Practically all the members and associate members attend the annual conventions, as well as from 1,000 to 2,000 other instructors from over the State.

All school authorities in the State are co-operating this year in making the convention memorable. Gov. Stanley will speak to-day.

Both white and colored teachers attend these meetings and Hopkinsville is represented by the following:

WHITE.

Misses Mary Means, Ida Means, Floyd Rose, Richie Williams, Clara Davenport, Jennie West, Ollie Mayes, Mary Huggins, Elizabeth Hayes, Frances Lander, Eura West, Louise Backus, Sadie Backus, Martha Owen, Jessie Wadlington, Ruth Wright, Mary Penn, Julia Arnold, Mrs. Lillian Latham, Mr. and Mrs. John Keith, Messrs. J. C. Johnson, A. L. Elgin, J. W. Dollins, R. H. McCaughey, W. F. Lacy, Edgar Harned, B. F. Brown, L. J. McGinley, Pete Edwards, J. W. Marion, W. E. Gray, G. C. Koffman, Supt. L. E. Foster.

COLORED.

Mrs. Hattie Head, J. W. Head, Mrs. Mollie Poston, E. Poston, R. L. Poston, L. R. Posey, Bessie Walker, Bell Laprade, Emma Quarles, Ora Lee Leavell, Cornelia Weston, Bobbie Sleet, Julia Chestnut, W. C. Davis, J. E. Vaughn, Willie Tyler, Lillian Glass, Charlie Moore, Elizabeth Lee, Annie L. Averette, Catherine Gray, Nora Glass, Helen Ratcliffe, Athalie Williams, Idella Buckner, Gertrude Higgins.

India has 17,390,000 acres planted to cotton and expects a 1916 crop of 3,687,000 bales of 400 pounds each.

appreciated here. While Europeans excel in figure work, there are very few living Europeans, if any, who can surpass or even equal our best American landscapes. The Worcester Museum has just purchased Winslow Homer's "A Great Gale" for \$30,000, which is believed to be the highest price ever paid for an American picture. "Sunset, Montclair," by Inness, lately sold for \$24,000, and a Wyant for \$12,000.

RUSSIANS TAKE TREBIZOND

Gives Russians Control of Trade Outlet for Persia and All Central Asia.

FLEET AIDS LAND FORCES

Fortress Reported to Have Been Garrisoned by 54,000 Men.

Petrograd, April 19.—Trebizond, the most important Turkish city on the Black sea, has been captured by the Russians.

The fall of the city is confirmed in an official communication issued late today.

IMPORTANT PORT IN BLACK SEA

Trebizond is a city of Asia Minor on the Black sea, 575 miles east of Constantinople and 100 miles north of Erzerum, the town stormed by Russians on Feb. 16. Trebizond has a population of about 40,000, including some 18,000 Christians.

The importance of the Black sea port was due to its command of the port where the chief trade route from Persia and central Asia descends to the sea. It is separated from the rest of Asia Minor by a barrier of rugged mountains, 7,000 to 8,000 feet high, which the Russian armies had to traverse.

Aided by the Russian fleet, the invaders pushed past the last series of natural obstacles along the coast when, on Sunday, they occupied a strongly fortified Turkish position on the left bank of the Kara Dere, 12 miles outside of the fortress.

Since the fall of Erzerum and the capture three weeks later of Bitlis the Turks are said to have increased the Trebizond garrison until it contained three complete divisions, or about 54,000 men, and to have done everything possible to strengthen the Black sea port.

IN VIRGIN TERRITORY

County Agent Visits Neighborhoods Anxious For Agricultural Talks.

Agriculturist A. M. Casey, accompanied by Otis Kircher, State Agent of Pig Club work, has visited some new fields of work this week. Monday night they held a largely attended meeting at Kelly, probably 125 people being present.

Mr. Casey talked to the people about the importance of more grass on their hillside to stop washes and incidentally of the money to be made in live stock and especially in fruits, for which North Christian is well adapted. A diversity of crops would make farming much more profitable in that part of the county. He also told them about the poultry work, the corn clubs and other lines. Mr. Kircher talked about the pig clubs and the people showed a lively interest in all that was said.

On Tuesday night they held a similar meeting in the Sinking Fork neighborhood and about the same line of talk was indulged in.

Good results are expected from these visits to localities that have not had meetings of the kind heretofore.

BODY SENT TO PADUCAH.

Charles Canada died at the Western State Hospital Monday night of heart trouble, aged 63 years. He was received at the institution about a month ago. The body was shipped to Paducah yesterday. He was a native of McCracken county.